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1 [Youth Commission Supporting to Stop the Closure of the Oakland Youth Commission]

2 Motion:

3 Shall the San Francisco Youth Commission support the effort to stop the closure of the Oakland Youth
4 Commission?

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6 Supplemental Information:

7 Similarly to the San Francisco Youth Commission, the Oakland Youth Commission serves as a liaison
8 between Oakland's youth and its city government. As the city of Oakland is also in a fiscally
9 challenging situation, it has made a decision to cut funding for the staff of the Oakland Youth
10 Commission. Youth Commissions can serve as a very powerful role in allowing youth empowerment
11 and civic engagement in their respective cities.

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13 Not only has the city of Oakland cut funding for staff of the Oakland Youth Commission, but it has now
14 also considered completely closing the Oakland Youth Commission. In an effort to stop this, members
15 of Oakland's Youth Commission have proposed that they continue to meet in a system led by one staff
16 person rather than two. If that is not fiscally feasible, members of the Oakland Youth Commission
17 would advocate for a commission permanently supervised by volunteers of the public. This will allow
18 the Oakland Youth Commission to continue to advise and meet with City Council members and civic
19 leaders to advocate for the needs of Oakland's youth.

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